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**Subject:** Re: 2/14/21 Update - AltEn Response

Thanks. Be careful getting home, Doug!

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Sent from my iPhone - please excuse typos

On Feb 14, 2021, at 3:49 PM, O'Connor, Daniel <oconnor.daniel@epa.gov> wrote:

Ken, START has requested (or will) that the analysis includes the four pesticides that I found to be hazardous substances.

Doug, can you have Eric confirm the analytical method being used and get an analyte list from Pace?

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Danny,  
Thanks! One thing Doug / START may have to do if he has not already...Any laboratory will need to know the specific chemical name of the specific pesticides that EPA wants analyzed (from the samples collected). They will need the specific seedcorn fungicides and insecticides trade name (or scientific name) that pose the greatest risks and / or are hazardous substances EPA wants analyzed. So make sure those specific pesticide types / names (from the table you reviewed) are included with the laboratory request for analysis.  
Happy Valentines Day!  
Thanks

Ken

P.S. also important to note – just fyi - many of our commonly used laboratories don't have the pesticide specific analytical capabilities (may have to search) that might be needed for these samples. Jamie Green, Pesticides or Michael Davis – at the lab; may be able to help if needed.

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Scott, see the attached PowerPoint that Doug put together to summarize today's activities. Below is a brief summary with the higher level takeaways.

Doug confirmed the spill flowed approximately 4.3 miles off the facility property before stopping. The PRP is in the process of establishing a collection point, beyond the known extent of the release, to prevent any further migration and to allow collection of spilled materials. Facility water will be used to flush spilled material through the drainage and to this collection point where the PRP will use vacuum trucks to collect the water and released material. All collected material will be returned to the facility's lagoons. The PRP verbally communicated this plan to Doug and is in the process of developing a written plan to share with EPA and NDEE. This written plan will also document the effort to prevent the second tank from encountering similar issues. During the response, a total of two sludge and 22 liquid samples were collected by Doug and START. Samples will be delivered to Pace Analytical in Lenexa, Kansas, on February 15. Samples will be analyzed for pesticides and START will request the fastest possible turnaround time for results. Doug and START departed the response at approximately 1440 hours on February 14.

Thanks,

Danny O'Connor

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